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## The 52 Free Americans

BY RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

These have been the best of times, and the worst of times. The week of Jan. 25 has been one of agony and ecstasy, a week of roller coaster emotions.

Are there any lessons to be learned from this week of turmoil?

Even at this early stage of the unfolding drama of Iran, I would suggest there are at least several important insights.

First, the response of virtually the entire American people to the scandalous outrages inflicted upon the 62 liberated American prisoners at the hands of the bestial Iranian militants demonstrates powerfully the unity of the American people. After all the divisiveness and polarization that seemed to emerge during the recent election campaign — in part fueled by the unfortunate combustion of fundamentalist religion and politics — the American response to the hostage tragedy discloses that our national solidarity as people is greater than the tendency toward fragmentation.

Americans too supported the hostages as fellow citizens who command our support and respect, and no one made distinctions as to whether they were Christians or Jews, black or white, men or women. They were Americans all. We also learned the indispensability of restoring American strength, so that no future gangster terrorists and fanatics will ever again risk toying with or torturing American lives.

That unity and solidarity must be preserved in the coming months as we seek new beginnings with the Reagan Administration to face the hard challenges ahead of us all in the 1980s.

## Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World-Union Press Feature

## PLO Versus U.S.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- The diabolic scenario has not changed. The PLO terrorists, as 'agents' of the Kremlin, continue to pose a real threat to American interests not only around the globe but also here at home where they have joined forces with the known anti-Semitic groups. Anyone who has been following developments involving the Middle East conflict both here at the UN and in the biblical crescent must be aware of this scenario.

Time and again your correspondent has sounded a warning about this peril and alerted America to look to her defenses. It now appears

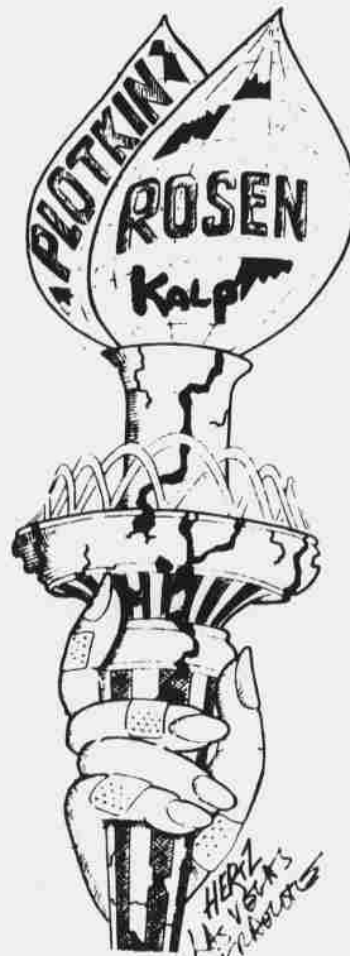
that the new Reagan Administration, with Alexander M. Haig, Jr., in charge of the hitherto tarnished State Department and Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick reactivating the blemished Mission to the UN, will be fully alerted to the PLO threat and not succumb to the tempting 'bait' held out by the many pro-PLO states among whom to their shame are Bruno Kreisky's Austria, Giscard d'Estaing's France and a few other oil-intimidated nations.

In his reply to queries at his first press conference last week General Haig made the Administration position unequivocal: one -- the PLO will never be recognized so long as it rejects resolution 242 and refuses to accept Israel's sovereignty; two -- Jerusalem must remain undivided; three terrorism will be fought on all fronts; said Haig: "The greatest problem to me in the human rights area today is the area of rampant international terrorism on both sides of the Iron Curtain" and the Soviets "are involved in conscious policy, in programs, if you will, which foster, support and expand this activity which is hemorrhaging in many respects throughout the world"; and four -- the Camp David accords must be continued.

Indeed, what this writer has been stressing time and again in this column, as readers will recall, found confirmation in two important sources last week, the Washington Post and Commentary Magazine.

In a leading editorial of the Post, entitled "Fixing Responsibility for Terror," emphasis is made on the fact that "the principle sources of terror in the world are the Soviet Union and its allies and such groups as the PLO." It then discloses something that has been hinted at previously, namely that "there was both a PLO and a Soviet hand behind the seizure of the American hostages in Iran." This is a charge which is undoubtedly known to the CIA and may well be the reason why President Reagan, in his first press conference last week, also stressed this point. "Any attempt to combat terrorism must cope, if not start with that fact," the Post editorial declared and added:

"The PLO openly conducts acts of terror against Israel and more quietly maintains ideological or organizational contact with killers with other obsessions -- in what Claire Sterling called, in an op-ed article the other day, 'the terror network.' Do the people who understand PLO violence when it is directed at Israelis realize that they are thereby in some measure supporting attacks on others? The PLO needs to be called to account, by its friends, for this connection. The United States, which has linked its acceptance of the PLO to the PLO's renunciation of terror against Israel,



## TELL TALES

"One Man Plus The Truth  
Constitutes A Majority"

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and the Cuban refugees in Florida. I am extremely grateful that Chaplain Schwartzman was able to go to Wiesbaden and serve these people who endured so much these past 14 months."

Chaplain Schwartzman participated in conducting an ecumenical service for all the hostages on Thursday night and conducted Shabbat services for the three returned hostages and U.S. Jewish military personnel stationed in Wiesbaden on Friday night.

Prior to the freed hostages' departure for America, Chaplain Schwartzman conducted a prayer service in which he talked about Jewish values, the need for understanding, and the need to establish the concept of true values.

Rosen, a 36-year-old press attache from Brooklyn spent six months in maximum security prison and was accused of being a "master spy and plotter." But his Iranian captors did allow him the packages of Passover food sent from the U.S. -- JWB sent all the Jewish hostages Solo Seder food packages in 1980. He revealed to Chaplain Schwartzman that prior to his captivity, he had been involved in helping Jews get out of Iran.

Plotkin the 45-year-old luckless businessman from Sherman Oaks, Calif. who was "seeking business opportunities" in Teheran and was visiting the U.S. embassy when it was seized, had a religious medal ripped off his neck.

The 42-year-old Kalp from Fairfax, Va., accused of being a C.I.A. agent, spent 374 of the 444 days in solitary confinement and was beaten.

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needs also to ask that it sever its links with Carlos the Jackel and the Japanese Red Army. Certainly the PLO deserves no credit for attempting to intervene for the hostages in Iran, when its larger role was to help make the terrorists' assault possible in the first place.

The other source, confirming this writer's criticism of the seemingly unwholesome Andy-Young-McHenry era here at the UN, is an article by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan appearing in the current issue of Commentary in which he blasts both Young and McHenry for being guilty of "psychological arrogance"

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## King of One Liners



HENNY YOUNGMAN  
...Man of Many Talents.

RETURNING FROM HIS VACATION, ROGER ASKED FOR TWO WEEKS MORE IN WHICH TO GET MARRIED.

"BUT YOU JUST HAD TWO WEEKS OFF," SAID THE BOSS. "WHY DIDN'T YOU GET MARRIED THEN?"

"WHAT, AND RUIN MY VACATION?"